

Begin to Washington today U.S. obligation won't hold up signing: Dayan

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CAIRO REPORT/ David Landau Ghali: Early border crossings possible

CAIRO — Egypt and Israel will discuss the idea of permitting some free movement of people across the two countries in advance of the nine-month date set for the peace treaty, Dr. Butros Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, indicated this to The Jerusalem Post last night.

Mood in Egypt is quiet

CAIRO — The imminent signing of a peace treaty has already produced a certain harmony between Israel and Egypt: just as there is no danger on the streets of Tel Aviv, so too are the streets of Cairo betraying no special excitement. They present their usual busy, dusty, throbbing, honking scene.

Mystery gunmen slay British envoy in Hague city centre

HAGUE (Reuters). — Gunmen killed the British ambassador to the Netherlands and one of his Dutch secretaries in a daylight attack yesterday in the city centre.

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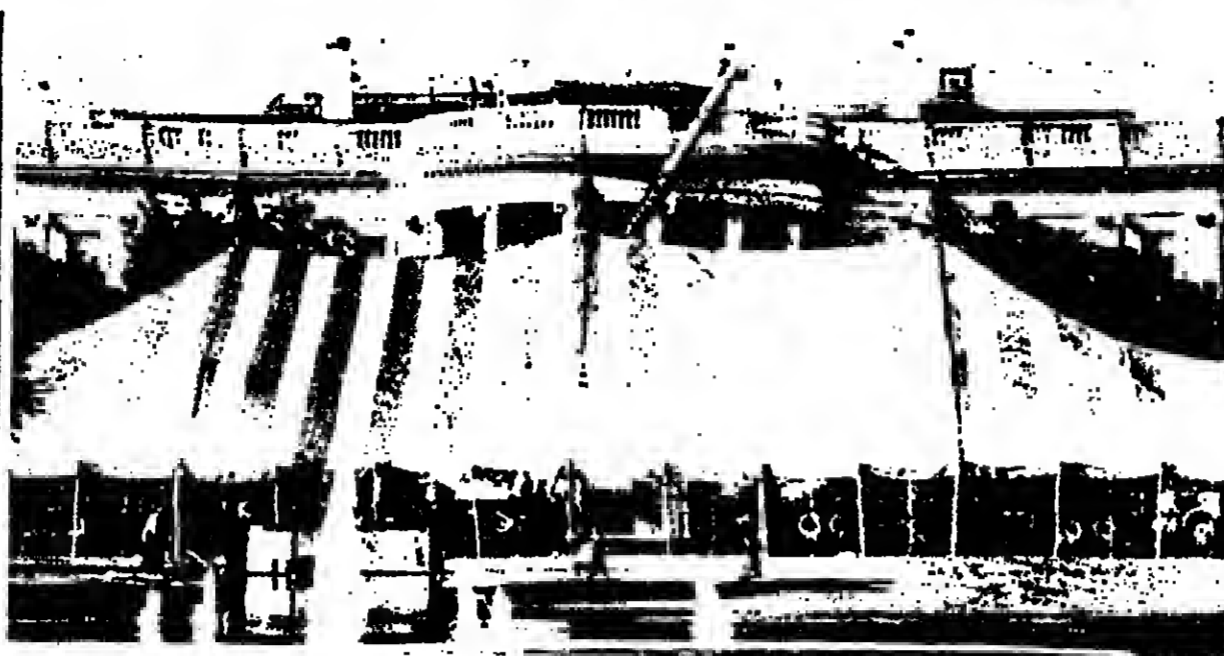
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Workmen set up a tent on the South Lawn of the White House in preparation for the signing next Monday of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Carter lauds Knesset vote

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter said last night that the Knesset had taken a historic decision by voting in favour of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty.

Dayan trying to tie up loose ends of treaty

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan arrived here last night to resume negotiations with U.S. and Egyptian officials on three still-unresolved issues.

Kidnapped Israeli consul shot dead in San Salvador

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies Ernesto Liebes, Israel's honorary consul in the Central American Republic of El Salvador, was found shot to death yesterday in an abandoned car in the sparsely populated Monserrat section of the capital city.

Moda'i to Washington

Jerusalem Post Reporter Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i is leaving this morning for the U.S. to discuss agreements on fuel delivery to Israel with Egyptian representatives.

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Dayan will be dealing in his talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance have been kept a closely guarded secret since details are still being negotiated. But The Jerusalem Post learned last night that the two sides have already exchanged initial draft documents, suggesting that its final formulation may not be far away.

Sadat: Knesset's vote on treaty 'marvellous'

CAIRO (AP). — President Anwar Sadat said yesterday that the Knesset's overwhelming approval of a peace treaty with Egypt was "marvellous."

Likud drop in the polls Mina Zemach New Jerusalem Post Feature page 2

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HOME NEWS

Move by Knesset hawks unclear

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Despite yesterday's ratification by the Knesset of the peace treaty, it is unclear at this point whether the Knesset's hawks will unite into a separate political framework.

by Shoval and Peretz is said to have daunted him somewhat. Shoval is attempting to convince him to stay in the Likud as "now is the time to stand fast for our position in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. To my mind, a man like Hurvitz ought to return to the cabinet where he is capable of influencing decision-making."

National Religious Party, leading treaty opponent, has no problems about staying in his party, following its adoption of its tough stand on autonomy and its insistence on assurances from Begin that Israel's position in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip will not be compromised.

The Weather at Main



Destinations

Table with columns: Destination, MIN, MAX, Weather. Includes cities like Amsterdam, Brussels, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Geneva, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Johannesburg, London, Madrid, Montreal, New York, Oslo, Paris, Rome, Sao Paulo, Stockholm, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver, Vienna, Zurich.

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THE WEATHER

Table with columns: Yesterday's, Today's, Max, Min. Includes cities like Jerusalem, Golan, Haifa, Safed, Haifa Port, Tiberias, Nazareth, Afula, Shomron, Tel Aviv, B-G Airport, Jericho, Gaza, Beersheba, Eilat, Tiran Straits.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

MK Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition, will be the guest speaker at the Haifa, Haifa Engineers Club, at 3 p.m. today. Table reservations, telephone 511588.

MK Yossi Sarid will speak on "Big Power Relations in the Middle East," at the Haifa Engineers Club, at 1 p.m. today.

An Oneg Shabbat will be held at 8.30 tonight at Tnuv Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Alex Levine, South African settler, and Dr. Ze'ev Bachrach, Bar-Ilan University lecturer.

Marriage

Michal (Micky), daughter of Hannah and Ted Elion, Ashkelon, to David, son of Harry and the late Florence Jourard, Toronto, Canada, on Wednesday, March 21.

'Bomba' Tzur buried

HERZIYA (Him). — Actor Yosef "Bomba" Tzur, who starred in the Israeli stage version of "Fiddler on the Roof," was buried in the Herzliya cemetery yesterday. The funeral was attended by leading figures in the theatre world, friends and neighbours of the Tzur family, and relatives and delegations of pupils from the schools in which the actor's children study.

Nahman Ben-Ami, 57

TEL AVIV (Him). — Veteran journalist Nahman Ben-Ami died yesterday afternoon at Ichilov Hospital here after a difficult illness. Ben-Ami was an editor of "Ma'ariv" and had worked professionally as a reporter, editor, translator and theatre critic. Born in Poland and educated in Czechoslovakia, he came to Palestine in 1939. He lived for a time on Kibbutz Merhavva and wrote for "Al Hamishmar" before joining "Ma'ariv."

Artist Zvi Shur dies

PETAH TIKVA (Him). — Artist Zvi Shur died in Beilinson Hospital here yesterday after an illness. He was 80. His funeral will take place at the Segule cemetery in Petah Tikva at 11:30 today. Shur was born in the Ukraine in 1898 and came to Palestine in 1921. His first individual exhibition was in Tel Aviv in 1931, under the patronage of Mayor Meir Dizengoff. Shur went to Paris in 1936, and was associated with the great artists of the period living there. He joined Kibbutz Givat Hashlosha in 1939, leaving his living quarters which had been a large wooden crate on the grounds of Gymnasia Herzliya in Rehov Ahad Ha'am. Shur was active in teaching, lecturing and promoting kibbutz artists.

Tamir: U.S. aid ideas fall short of promises

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — U.S. President Jimmy Carter's financial promises in the Knesset were not translated into practical financial proposals, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir said yesterday. He saw no justification for the way the financial aid which was promised to Israel by the U.S. was divided into a loan and grant in Washington.

"hermetically sealed," Tamir cautioned. Although Israel demanded that the peace agreement include oil sales by Egypt, Tamir said that Israel must prepare for a gradual process, to be handled with intelligence and tact. "The oil sales will be put to the test at a very early stage, as all matters of tourism, open borders and free passage through the Suez Canal. I hope they (Egyptians) will fulfil all their commitments," he added.

New West Bank settlements planned for after peace pact

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter The government and the World Zionist Organization are drawing up plans for large-scale settlement in Judea and Samaria shortly after the peace agreement is signed. The co-chairman of the WZO's Settlement Department, Mattatya Drobless, discussed the plans with Prime Minister Menachem Begin at Begin's home in Jerusalem earlier this week. Drobless told The Jerusalem Post he believes 10 new settlements will be established in the hill country of Judea and Samaria during the coming fiscal year.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg denied the TV report to The Post. Decisions on settlement have been delayed recently because the committee's chairman, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, is not on speaking terms with the minister of industry, trade and tourism, Gideon Patt, and with Construction Minister David Levy, a committee member told The Post. Meanwhile, the WZO and industrialist Ya'acov Meridor, a close friend of Begin, are negotiating an agreement to build permanent buildings in the Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria. Drobless told The Post that Meridor's company can erect buildings within three or four months, compared with other companies who would take 15-16 months. But each of Meridor's houses costs IL600,000, and the WZO does not have the necessary funds.

NRP got binding letter from Begin

By MARK SEGAL Post Political Correspondent TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party has a written commitment from Prime Minister Menachem Begin in which he binds himself and his government to the party's autonomy position. This was reluctantly confirmed here by senior NRP sources yesterday, because they had promised the premier not to breathe a word of the letter, at least not before Monday's peace treaty signing ceremony in Washington.

Premier Begin also apparently promised the three NRP ministers considerable influence in the deliberations of the cabinet on the Knesset on the autonomy scheme and in the negotiations with the U.S. and Egypt. Knowing the premier's proclivity for legalism, the NRP leadership is satisfied about the binding nature of this document bearing his signature.

U.S. OBLIGATION

(Continued from page 1) London today to explain the recent dramatic developments that have led to the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt. The bulk of the Israeli delegation to the Washington ceremony, comprising about 40 people, will leave Israel tomorrow night and meet with the premier and his wife in New York before going on to Washington on Sunday morning. Begin last night rejected criticism of the size of the Israeli delegation, saying that the criticism was "totally unjustified." He recalled that Carter had invited the whole Israeli cabinet to come along; but as this was not possible, the Ministerial Defence Committee, which had been responsible for the negotiations with Egypt, would be going. The government had decided that, apart from Mrs. Begin, ministers' wives would not be accompanying their husbands.

SADAT

(Continued from page 1) result beforehand" and said he had anticipated it as long as three months ago when "everyone was hesitant and everything was uncertain." "Do you know why?" Sadat asked. "I have a great ally in Israel that I depended upon — the Israeli mother. Since my visit I knew this would come, and when everyone was pessimistic I continued to be optimistic." Looking ahead to the difficult negotiations that lay ahead on the sensitive issue of Jerusalem and Palestinian autonomy, Sadat said the peace process should proceed "step by step." Butros Ghali, one of Egypt's main negotiators during the 17 months of talks towards the treaty, yesterday defended the treaty before the Egyptian Peoples Assembly Foreign Relations Committee. Ghali said the treaty was linked to UN resolutions calling for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and that the pact provided for a timetable on establishing self-rule in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. "We are now starting contacts with Palestinian organizations to start the process," Ghali told the committee. (AP, Reuter)

17-25% April pay hike merely tags inflation

By SHELOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter Salaried workers will get a 17-25 per cent raise next month, but for nearly all workers the combination of cost-of-living increments, adjustment of income tax brackets and other features will merely recoup what they lost to inflation. But the adjustment of some salaries will not even cover the 24 per cent rise in prices since November 1978.

Since last November salaries, in real terms, have been dropping at a rate commensurate with inflation. The April adjustment of salaries (paid at the beginning of May) will merely bring most salaries back to the November level of real buying power. The Treasury calculations of a 17-25 per cent raise are based on a 19.8 per cent C-O increment; a productivity increment of 4 per cent; adjustment of National Insurance Institute payments in line with higher pay; adjustment of income tax brackets and income tax credit points; and adjustment of National Insurance children's allowances.

Navon speaks of high price of peace

TEL AVIV (Him). — President Yitzhak Navon said last night that the people of Israel greet the peace treaty with Egypt with mixed feelings, while praying that it will lead to a decisive turn towards a genuine peace in the whole area. The president was speaking at the annual gathering of the Friends of Midrashat Noam at the Mann Auditorium. He said that, although every Israeli is filled with a genuine desire for peace, there are apprehensions because of the high price implied in the evacuation of strategic territory three times the size of the state itself.

Poll shows steep Likud drop

A public opinion poll commissioned by The Jerusalem Post indicates a steep decline in support for the Likud and a corresponding rise for the Labour Party. The poll, however, reflects domestic opinion before the successful conclusion of the peace negotiations. It was conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi applied research centre a fortnight ago. A representative sample of 1,210 voters were asked whom they would vote for if elections were held now. The results: Labour — 46 Knesset seats, Likud — 35 seats, Religious parties — 18.

DM and Shal — 3. In a previous poll in January, Labour got 38 seats, the Likud had 43, and both DMC lists, 3. The research institute is directed jointly by Dr. Mina Zernach, who is also a Tel Aviv University lecturer, and sociologist Amiram Yarkoni. Zernach started the public in May 1977 by predicting precisely on the basis of her surveys, the outcome of the Knesset elections and the Likud's election victory. The Jerusalem Post will join "Mabat," the economic newspaper, in publishing the results of these opinion surveys on a regular basis.

Postal workers continuing wildcat labour sanctions

By AARON SITNER Jerusalem Post Reporter Thousands of fully stuffed mail sacks were piled up in post offices and regional distribution centres yesterday as 5,600 postal workers throughout the country continued their wildcat sanctions for the third day. In an action believed to be in defiance of their own leaders, the workers have halted all afternoon sorting, loading and dispatching work. As a result, neighbourhood post offices have not opened up for their second half-day shift and all-day branches, usually open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. have been closed at 2 p.m. Letter carriers are continuing to make their rounds so far, since that work is done in the morning. But the amount of postal matter they are delivering has dropped sharply due to the sorting backlog. "Telegrams and cable operators are working as usual since they are not attached to the postal service."

However, no telegrams are being delivered after 2 p.m. because the messengers belong to the postal service. A Communications Ministry source told The Jerusalem Post last night, "with post offices still open in the mornings, many people are not aware of the acute labour situation. "We hope the workers call off their sanctions so that Minister (Yitzhak) Moda'i or his aides can sit down with the responsible representatives of the workers and discuss their demands," he said. "Meaningful discussions cannot take place under duress," the spokesman added. A worker-management meeting may be held on Sunday. Meanwhile, the ministry's engineering workers are also continuing their sanctions. This has sharply curtailed the number of new phone installations, and reaching a telephone repair operator by dialing "16" became virtually impossible yesterday.

GHALI

(Continued from page 1) Thus, the words "subject to Article 103 of the UN Charter" at the beginning of Article Six (V) mean, Dr. Ghali maintained, that the inherent right of collective self-defence enshrined to all states under the UN Charter prevails over this specific peace treaty. "In case of Israeli aggression against an Arab state," Ghali said, the Arab collective defence pact would obligate Egypt. And if a war resulted from an Arab state's aggression? — "That case would have to be discussed when it happened," Ghali replied. He noted that the inter-Arab pact was labelled a collective defence agreement. Looking back at the long months of negotiation, Ghali said that had Israel accepted the "side-letter" in November along with the treaty text (as Dayan and Weizman recommended), then "maybe" Egypt, for its part, would have set aside its reservations and accepted the treaty package too. But this was not done. "The side-letter" was not accepted. "With great grief and sorrow, we announce the death of our very dear father and grandfather."

95 MKs

(Continued from page 1) Haim Druckman and Benzion Rubin; from five Democratic Front for Peace and Equality men: Meir Wilner, Tawfiq Toubi, Tawfiq Zayad, Hanna Mweis and Charlie Biton; one Democratic Movement man, Binjamin Halevi; and the lone Poalei Agudat Mian, Kaiman Kahan. Two Likud members abstained: Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir and Eitan Livni. Shamir told Israel TV last night that he had abstained because he disagreed with the treaty, but he was reluctant to vote against it since this would have been an act against the government. Three Alignment MKs did not take part in the vote in protest against their faction's refusal to let them vote against the treaty. They were Shlomo Hillel, Shoshana Arbel, Almozino and Amos Hadar. The two MKs not in the building were Ronnie Milo (Likud), absent because of his father's death, and Shmuel Reichman (Likud), who is in prison. The Knesset has never before in its history had such a long debate, with so many speakers taking part. After two counts were taken by two tellers designated by Shamir (Yehezkel Flomin of the Likud and Avraham Katz-Oz of the Alignment), the results were announced: Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nissim called out: "There has been an error in the counting." But the speaker had had more than enough by then and he snapped: "There is no error. This session is closed. I am slammed down his gavel twice, to free the House from its travail."

DAYAN

(Continued from page 1) last night (after midnight last time) with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Those talks will continue over the weekend, probably up to the signing ceremony. The conclusion of the memorandum of agreement will probably be the agenda, according to Israel sources. White House spokesman Hodges Carter said that the proposed memorandum will have less treaty status, and that it will not require congressional approval. He said that the memorandum is not as all the other treaty documents, including a separate agreement on U.S. oil commitments to Israel, will be made public. He declined to discuss details of the memorandum, noting that it is still under negotiation. The spokesman said that the U.S. position toward the PLO — as spelled out in an earlier 1978 U.S.-Israel memorandum of agreement — had not changed in any way. "I reiterate the position of the U.S. remains the same," he said.

SAMUEL SORIN

of New York The funeral will take place today, March 23, 1979 (Adar 25, 5739) at 12 noon, leaving from 3 Rehov Danin (Shikun Zameret), Tel Aviv for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Shiva will be at the Cohen's house, 3 Rehov Danin (Shikun Zameret), Tel Aviv.

Daughters:

Lea and Henry Apfel — New York Rivka and Aaron Reinhold Dina and Avner Cohen and all grandchildren Sisters: Rivka Stein and Family, New York Henry and Joao Valerio and family Lisbon Brothers and sister-in-law: Abram Goland, Lisbon Hadassah and Nahemyah Katz, their son and families

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved mother and grandmother

LEA ESTERSON will take place 7:32 at the Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, Jerusalem, on Wednesday, March 28 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Charles and Sonia Rosen and all the family

We announce the passing of HANAN S. KATZ

The funeral took place on Thursday, March 22, 1979. Miriam Zvi, Yael, Ruth

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the passing of my beloved husband RONNIE WIARD

relatives and friends are invited to a memorial gathering at the grave site at the Holon cemetery. We will meet at the main gate on Monday, March 26 at 3 p.m. Wifs, Lily

On the 30th day after the death of our dear Dr. LAURIE JACKS

the unveiling of the tombstone will take place on Sunday, March 25, 1979, at 3 p.m. Family and friends will meet at Beit Ha'am, Moshav Hadar Am...

The unveiling of the tombstone on the completion of Shloshim for our devoted mother

FRIEDA WERBER will take place at the Eretz Hahaim Cemetery, (near Hartuv) on Tuesday, March 27, 1979 at 3 p.m. Beuven and Akiva Werber

In deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear father and grandfather

SAMUEL APPLEBAUM He died in Miami, Florida on March 21, 1979. Jack and Mirra Applebaum Elna and Danny Ad and Hedy Karav

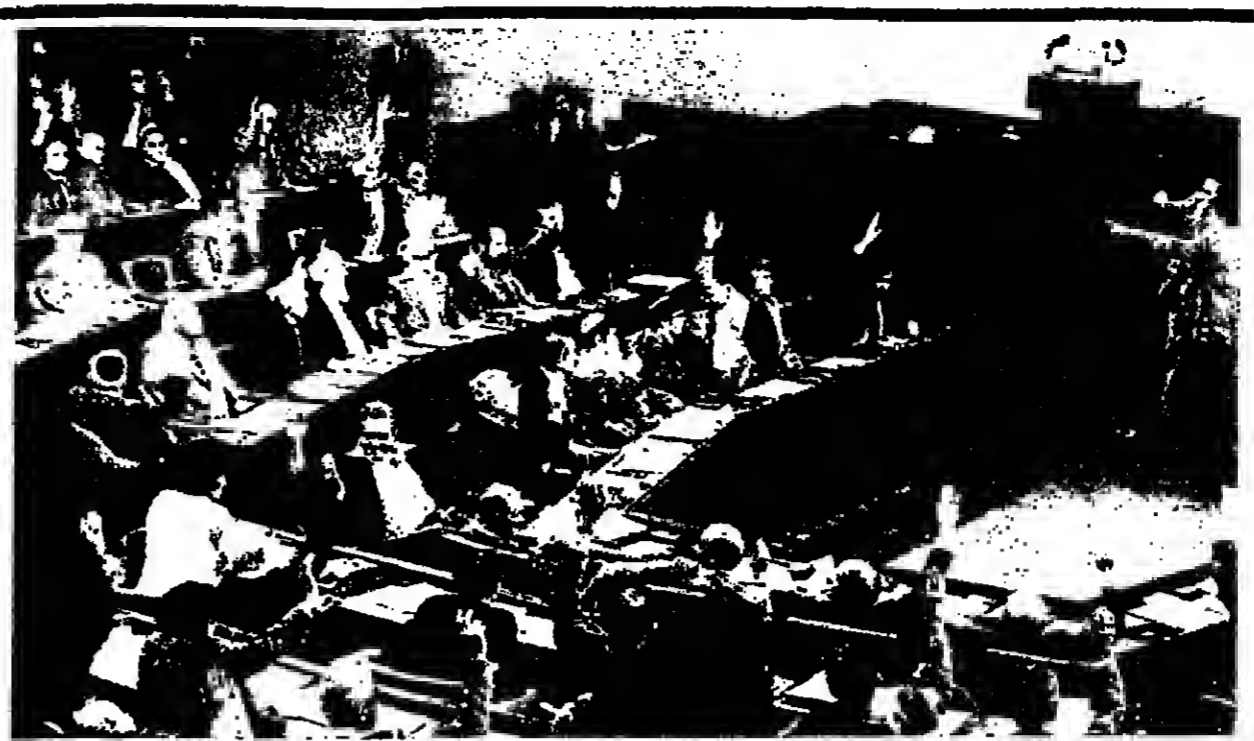
MAZAL TOV AND BEST WISHES TO STEVE BEINER on your admission to the N.Y. Bar Your friends and colleagues in Israel

Begin lauds Sadat in Knesset

After the session was over, Begin said that when he saw Sadat in Washington on Sunday he would suggest the Jerusalem signing ceremony take place on April 2...

Some people made light of the proposal to hold three different signing ceremonies, Begin admitted. Nevertheless, they would have immense symbolic importance, he claimed.

negotiations but there had never been any divergence on one issue — the common striving for a genuine peace. "Like us the Egyptians wanted a complete revolution in the relations of the two countries."



Knesset members vote approval of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty early yesterday morning, at the end of a marathon 23-hour debate.

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High Court backs rent decontrol

By AARON SITNER Jerusalem Post Reporter Decontrol of rents at commercial premises — probably next month — is now a certainty, following a High Court decision yesterday rejecting a suit by the Jerusalem Merchants Association.

Peace a gradual process — Navon

Jerusalem Post Reporter Peace will be a gradual process, and not a revolutionary change from one day to the next, President Yitzhak Navon said yesterday after receiving Prime Minister Menachem Begin for an hour-long briefing.

New Reshef-class gunboat launched by Eitan's wife

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — A new Reshef-class missile and gunboat, built in the Israeli Shipyards for the Navy, was launched yesterday afternoon.

Haifa centre plans Israel-Egypt society

HAIFA. — The Beit Hagafen Jewish Centre decided yesterday to establish an Israeli-Egyptian society.

Egypt. The Haifa activists said they intend to contact its founders to explore avenues of cooperation.

He rejected charges that Israel was overly dependent on the U.S. On the contrary, he said, Israel followed an independent course in the negotiations, which assured it a successful outcome.

Druse religious judge joins treaty delegation

HAIFA (Itim). — Sheikh Nur e-Din el-Faradi, kadi of the Druse religious court in Haifa, will join the Israel delegation to the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt in Washington.

Arab students at Tel Aviv University disrupt talk by S. Lebanese spokesman

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Arab students shouting "traitor" and "pimp" yesterday broke up a meeting at Tel Aviv University addressed by Francis Rizak, spokesman for the Christian forces in Southern Lebanon.

Tamir plans to act against death duties

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir plans to take steps to abolish tax on inheritance and has already secured the agreement in principle of Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich for the proposed action.

Pound drops 7 per cent in three weeks

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The Israeli pound has been devalued by 7 per cent since the start of the month, and banks are now selling one U.S. dollar for the equivalent of 12.12 Israeli sheqels.

cy between the two figures used to measure the currency's value is accounted for by the rise in the dollar's value in world money markets since the beginning of this year.

Members of the delegation also said that the policy of monetary restraint introduced by the Bank of Israel towards the end of last year encouraged Israeli banks to take loans from abroad.

Yamit farmers burn tires on El-Arish road

By HARRY WALL Jerusalem Post Reporter Farmers from the Yamit area settlements yesterday burned tractor tires at the Sadot junction, in protest at what they consider the government's disregard for their rights.

Christian militia on high alert in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter METULLA. — Artillery duels continued yesterday in South Lebanon, and Christian militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad's spokesman said yesterday that the entire militia has been put on high alert as the signing of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty approaches.

PEACE STAMP In honour of the signing of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty. Includes details about the stamp's design, value, and where to purchase it.

Yamit farmers burn tires on El-Arish road. Includes a photograph of the protest and details about the burning of tires.

The Israel National Opera. Founded by Edis De Fblippe. Includes information about performances and ticket prices.

EUROVISION MEDALLION The original momento of the Eurovision in Jerusalem. Includes details about the medallion's design, value, and where to purchase it.

Iran, Afghanistan expel each others' diplomats

TEHERAN. — Iran gave the first secretary of the Afghanistan embassy in Teheran 48 hours to leave the country yesterday as relations between the two neighbouring states continued to worsen.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry said Mohammad Nader Ayubbi was being expelled in retaliation for a similar move made by the pro-Soviet Afghan government against Iran's consul in the city of Herat.

The moves follow sharp exchanges between the two governments last week. Afghanistan charged that Iran has infiltrated some 4,000 troops into Herat provinces bordering Iran. Iran termed the Afghan claim "utterly false."

Earlier this week, Iran closed its border with Afghanistan after a flood of refugees crossed over from Herat province, reported to be the scene of fierce fighting between Afghan government soldiers and Moslem guerrillas resisting the new regime's Marxist policies.

The Afghan government has advised embassies in Kabul that all communications were cut between the capital and Herat. Western embassies reported they were unable to ascertain the position of Herat's foreign community, which includes a number of Americans attached to an eye hospital.

A dissent spokesman, Prof. Sabatullah Mojdeddi, said that, according to reports from Herat, an army regiment mutinied when it was ordered to fire on anti-government forces.

Mojdeddi, leader of the National Rescue Front which is one of several exiled organizations claiming to speak for the rebels, told a news conference in Rawalpindi that the fighting was in response to a call for a general uprising in Afghanistan issued last week.

Diplomatic sources in Kabul said reports from Herat yesterday spoke of continued shooting four days after the fighting began, but added that the government appeared to be in control of the city.

The dissidents say fighting has spread to more than half of Afghanistan's 32 provinces and describe it as intense in five of them, but the Kabul government has not confirmed these reports.

In a recent speech made available yesterday, Afghan President Nur Mohammad Taraki denied foreign reports of 20,000 Soviet advisers and a similar number of political prisoners in his country.

Taraki put the number of Soviet advisers at 1,100, only 201 of whom are employed in a military capacity, and said that there were "only 1,356 political prisoners in all our prisons." (AP, Reuter)

Kurds hold fire as leaders meet

SANANDAJ, Iran (Reuter). — Tension was high in this western Iranian town yesterday as religious leaders tried to stop fighting between local Kurdish guerrillas, seeking greater control over their own affairs, and surrounded government troops.

A few sporadic shots could be heard from around the town's besieged army garrison, but there was no heavy firing yesterday morning. Colourfully dressed Kurds milled around a crossroads 300 metres from the garrison at the north end of the town, while two army tanks manoeuvred in front of the military base's gates.

Meanwhile, Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, Teheran's religious chief, held a heated discussion on the situation with local religious and business representatives at the town's university. He was sent to Sanandaj on a mission by revolutionary religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who, like most Iranians, is a member of the Shia sect of Islam. Almost all the Kurds are Sunnis.

Outside the university, thousands of angry, shouting Kurds were held back by heavily armed guerrillas. Many Kurdish civilians and guerrillas told newsmen they opposed Khomeini, because he had not granted them self-rule or even equal rights with the rest of the Iranian population.

The Kurdish guerrillas said they were holding their fire until the outcome of the ayatollah's mission.



Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, left, welcomes one of a group of terrorists, released by Israel last week, on their arrival in Damascus on Wednesday. The terrorists were freed in exchange for an Israeli soldier captured in South Lebanon. Capucci served part of a prison term in Israel for smuggling in explosives on behalf of the Palestinian Arah terrorists. (AP radiophoto)

'Pre-emptive coup' staged by Mauritania president

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania (AP). — President Mohammed Ould Salek has successfully staged a "pre-emptive coup" against pro-Algerian members of the military regime who were allegedly plotting a Marxist take-over in the huge West African desert nation, military and diplomatic sources reported yesterday.

In a proclamation, Salek announced that he was personally taking unlimited powers to deal with the "exceptional situation" facing Mauritania.

He said further that he was determined to put an end to the three-year-old guerrilla war against Algerian-sponsored Polisario independence movement in the former Spanish Sahara.

On Wednesday Salek announced that he had fired all but one of the known Polisario sympathizers within his own government.

Western diplomats in Nouakchott had warned Salek for weeks that a leftist group within his military regime was plotting to overthrow the government.

Without public explanation, Salek dropped from the government: Interior Minister Maj. Jidou Ould Salek, regarded as the leader of the pro-Algerian faction; Finance Minister Sid Ahmed Ould Boeljara; Transport Minister Col. Viyah Ould Mayouf; and Civil Service Minister Mohammed Yehdih Ould Bredelail.

'SA slush fund helped pay for U.S. senator's campaign'

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Money from the South African government "slush fund" — the subject of a scandal now rocking the Pretoria government — was allegedly used to help the campaign of a U.S. Senate candidate who was running against a strong opponent of South Africa's policies.

This is one of the allegations in a tape recording of information reportedly given by South Africa's former secretary of information, Eschel Rhoode, a key figure in the slush fund scandal, to "The New York Times."

"The Times" said that the Rhoode tape named the conservative Republican helped by the slush fund as Iowa Senator Roger Jepsen. Jepsen has denied receiving any money from South Africa and "The Times" said there was no campaign record to back up Rhoode's allegation. Jepsen defeated incumbent Democrat Dick Clark, the former chairman of the Senate foreign relations subcommittee on African affairs and a strong opponent of South African policies.

"The Times" also said it learned independently that about 50 members of Congress or members of their staffs had made trips to South Africa that were subsidized by the Pretoria government.

Rhoode's information, according to the paper, was also said to include allegations that:

• Pretoria made payments to prominent U.S. labour leaders to persuade them not to take part in a week-long international shipping blockade of South Africa.

• South Africa supplied a substantial share of the capital that enabled newspaper publisher John McGoff to make an unsuccessful bid for "The Washington Star" and a successful one for the "Sacramento Union," a California newspaper.

In Cape Town yesterday, South African Prime Minister Pieter Botha said that his government had never denied knowledge of its Information Department's secret projects.

What was denied was that members of the present cabinet had known the "Citizen" newspaper was financed by state funds, or that there

had been irregularities in department projects, he said.

The funding of the right-wing English-language "Citizen" newspaper is at the heart of South Africa's political scandal over the misuse of millions in secret government funds by the now-disbanded Department of Information.

Botha was commenting on allegations made by Rhoode in a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television interview on Wednesday night.

During the interview, Rhoode showed viewers what he said was a letter dated May 1978, bearing the signature of Finance Minister Owen Horwood.

Johannesburg's "Rand Daily Mail" said yesterday that besides the photostat of the televised letter, concerning nearly eight million rand (about \$9m.), for secret projects, its reporter saw a second letter involving nearly 15 million rand (\$17.5m.).

The paper said both letters carried Horwood's signature.

The first photostat, which the "Mail" published, also bore the purported signature of the disgraced former information minister, Dr. Connie Mulder.

Premier Botha has said he would resign and call an election if it was proved that any of his cabinet besides Mulder knew of the affair.

A phone booth too far

MONTREAL (Reuter). — A daredevil thief finally went too far when he tried to steal a telephone booth from a Montreal street.

Police said the man, a medical technician, was trying to out-do a colleague who had been competing with him in a succession of hospital thefts which leapt in value.

Their loot included operating tables, surgical instruments, stretchers from 12 Montreal hospitals — and a skeleton. Recovered goods were estimated to be worth \$35,000.

Desai apologizes for false reports of Narayan's death

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai apologized in parliament yesterday for an incorrect announcement earlier in the day that India's elder statesman Jayaprakash Narayan had died.

But he rejected opposition demands for his resignation, and said: "It is not a matter on which the government should resign. I am not going to oblige."

Desai said he agreed it was a blunder and offered an unqualified apology to the house and the nation, "but that doesn't mean I have committed a crime."

Desai told a specially convened session of the Lok Sabha (lower house) that he had received the information of Narayan's death from the director of the intelligence bureau. The director had been informed by his deputy who in turn had been told by the police commissioner of Bombay.

An inquiry was under way to discover how the mistake had happened, Desai said.

India went briefly into mourning after speaker K.S. Hegde announced to a regular session of the lower house that Narayan, 76, had died after being critically ill for the past three days.

"The living symbol of freedom and independence is no more," he said of Narayan.

Desai added in a moving tribute that Narayan had gone down fighting after entering greatly.

The frail, white-haired Narayan — pacifist, social reformer and the man who played the key role in founding the ruling Janata Party before the 1977 elections — was admitted to Bombay's Jaslok Hospital on Monday with internal bleeding and serious heart trouble.

"I hope and pray that this mistake gives him 10 years more of life, that this good may come out of this blunder," Desai said.

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Avalanches kill 48 in Northern India

NEW DELHI (AP). — A top official said yesterday that avalanches have killed 48 persons in Kashmir, north India this month.

Chief Minister Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah told the Jammu and Kashmir state legislature that the affected area, Paddar, about 500 km north of New Delhi, was completely cut off by heavy snowfall. Helicopters have been sent to drop food packets and blankets to stranded villagers.

More reports of U.S. pressure on Jordan to toe treaty line

BEIRUT (Reuter). — A usually well-informed Lebanese news digest said yesterday that U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski had told King Hussein of Jordan that he might not receive U.S. financial aid if he publicly opposed the proposed Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The English-language "Middle East Reporter" quoted reliable sources as saying Brzezinski had upset Jordanian and Saudi leaders during visits to the two countries last weekend. Officials in Amman, the Jordanian capital, now refer to him as "the hully," the sources said.

Hussein accused the U.S. of using "arm-twisting" tactics to secure his support for the accord in U.S. press interviews published on Wednesday, but the U.S. denied the charge.

An administration official in Washington denied that Brzezinski had implied there could be restrictions on future U.S. aid to Jordan if the king maintained his opposition to the treaty.

Jordan was promised \$1,250m. annually from an Arab fund set up to support states in direct confrontation with Israel. The "Middle East Reporter" said U.S. aid to Jordan was running at \$250m. annually.

Yesterday, Saudi-Jordanian talks on ways of countering the proposed peace treaty resumed in Riyadh at a

meeting between Jordanian premier Mudar Badran and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal.

Badran arrived on Wednesday with King Hussein for talks with Saudi leaders, who, like the Jordanian monarch, have objected to the terms of the peace treaty.

Both countries were expected to attend a meeting in Baghdad on Tuesday, the day after the Washington treaty-signing ceremony, called by Iraq to decide what joint Arab action might be taken in response to Egypt's unilateral deal with Israel.

Syria's government newspaper, "Nashra," said yesterday that the Arab League to what it described as American challenges "shall be firm and strong and directed against U.S. interests in the area."

Syria's Assistant Foreign Minister Nasser Kaddour said yesterday that the new headquarters for the Arab League had already been defined. It was ready for receiving the Arab delegations at any time now, he added.

The Arab summit conferences in Baghdad last November adopted resolutions calling for political and economic sanctions against Egypt and the transfer of the Arab League headquarters from Cairo to President Anwar Sadat went ahead and signed a separate peace treaty with Israel.

Kaddour declined to say where the Arab League headquarters would be transferred. "This will be announced following the meeting of Arab foreign and economic ministers in Baghdad next Tuesday," he said.

Egypt's mood

(Continued from page 1)

which even simple people can appreciate and rejoice at.

The political community here is awaiting with some trepidation the Arab foreign and finance ministers' meeting called by Iraq in Baghdad next week. Egypt's eyes will be fixed especially on Saudi Arabia's performance there.

So far, Saudi reaction to the conclusion of the treaty has been essentially harmless from Egypt's viewpoint. Statements from Riyadh have rehearsed the need for a comprehensive settlement. But there have been no outright condemnations of Egypt, and there was even a broadcast advising other Arab states to react with moderation and not impose a damaging punishment on Cairo.

But the Egyptians are worried that the Saudis may once again falter under pressure from the extremists, as they did at the Baghdad summit in October. (That summit called for sanctions against Egypt in the event of a treaty summit, and this ministerial meeting has ostensibly been called to implement those sanctions.)

The worst that could be decided at Baghdad, as far as Cairo is concerned, would be fiscal measures by Saudi Arabia and the other Gulf states. These states could forbid exports of money to Egypt by Egyptian workers — and the Egyptian economy would lose its biggest single source of foreign currency.

A punishment of similarly disastrous proportions would be withdrawal of Saudi deposits, said to run to some \$1.5b., from Egyptian banks.

Saudi aid to Egypt comes in dribs and drabs, and has not been as vastly significant as is sometimes imagined. But a cutoff of aid, too, would hurt Egypt badly.

Happily though — if the pundits are right — none of these draconian measures is likely to result from the Baghdad conference.

The Arab states might decide on a trade boycott, or at least a boycott of any Egyptian companies that do business with Israel. But the total volume of Egypt's trade with the Arab world only accounts for 3 per cent of its overall foreign commerce.

There might also be some severings of diplomatic ties. But these are relatively frequent occurrences in the Arab world and carry little of the traumatic import that they would have elsewhere.

One probable measure that the Baghdad meeting will adopt will be the removal of the Arab League's headquarters from the bank of the Nile to an ideologically less deviant member-state. This would pose problems for the Arab League as well as for Egypt: some 70 per cent of the League's officials are Egyptians, including Secretary-General Mahmoud Riad himself. (Riad has indicated he would resign if the League breaks with Egypt.)

Egypt, according to one strand of speculation here, might attempt to maintain some kind of rump league at the present Cairo headquarters, if there were sufficient support among the moderate member-states.

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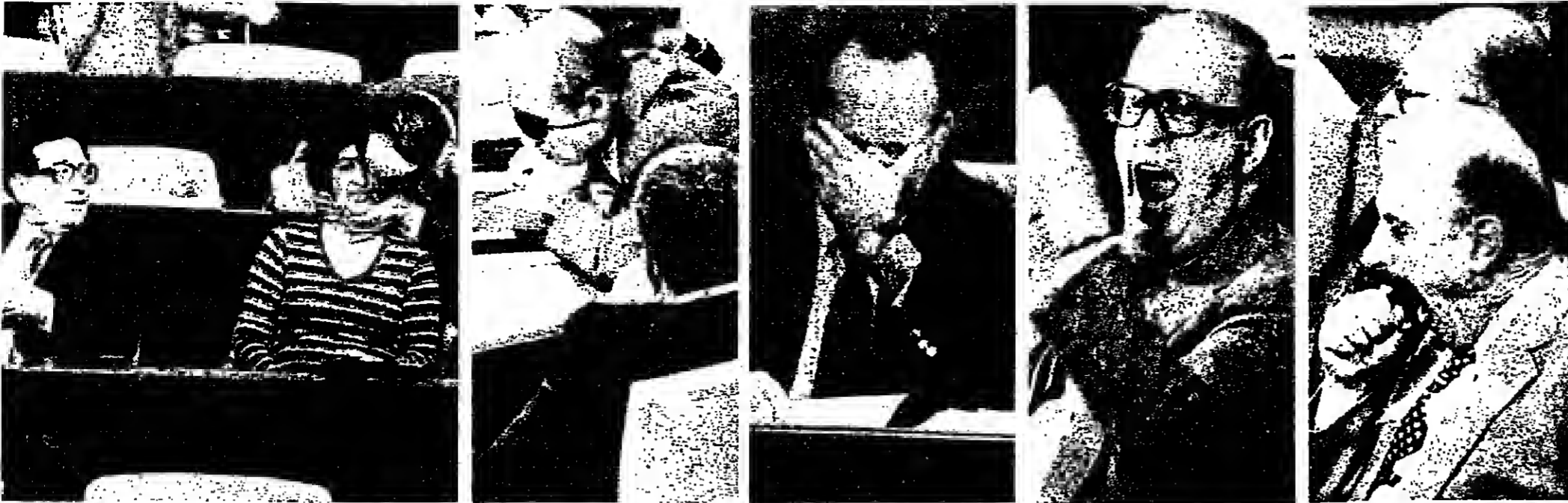
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Advertisement for 'EGGS ARE A RIDICULOUS PRICE!' from the Israel Consumers Council, offering tips on buying eggs.

Advertisement for 'Dry Bones SADAT-BEGIN KINETIC ART PICTURE' featuring illustrations and promotional text.



During Wednesday night's long debate in the Knesset, which wound on till 4 a.m., there were moments of comradely feeling such as the kiss Yigal Hurvitz bestowed on Geula Cohen, apparently with the approval of Haim Corfu. At times heckling was the

order of the day. For all the seriousness of the occasion, it seems that the flood of words overwhelmed the audience somewhat, resulting in Knesset members' candid shots of Moshe Dayan, Israel Katz, Abba Eban and Yigael Yadin.

THE LONG NIGHT'S JOURNEY INTO DAY

A NINE-YEAR-OLD nephew, under the mistaken impression that I have some kind of influence with the television authorities because he knows that I criticize their wares, phoned me most indignantly at 5.05 p.m. on Wednesday to complain about the interminable Knesset debate. It had already deprived him of all the programmes telecast for youth, now he was being denied his favourite soap opera, "Upstairs, Downstairs." I agreed with him most heartily that the debate was boring, boring, boring...

At that stage it was not only on the empty chamber that our orators were pouring forth their eloquence, unheard, with nobody to observe them beating their breasts and unburdening their consciences, while they made that pun in Hebrew about there being *sikamim* (chances) and *sikunim* (dangers).

All over the land television sets were consuming masses of very expensive energy with nobody watching them. People seemed to keep the sets on, so as to earn merit badges as good citizens, keeping abreast of what their legislators thought. Then, when nobody was looking, they went off to earn some money, or to play some tennis, or to sneak some sleep as a form of training for the long night's journey into day that lay before them.

I cannot say whether television watching is like a bad habit that grows upon one unnoticed, but some time on Wednesday night, around eleven o'clock, either the quality of the speeches improved out of all proportion, or else my standards dropped.

I found myself watching with great interest. By one o'clock I only needed a few cups of coffee to keep wide awake, by two my coffee intake was

down to one hour, by three I was fascinated, by 3.30, as the first birds outside piped their welcome to the anticipated dawn, you couldn't have got me out of that chair except with a high torch.

When it was all over, at four, I felt as I had when Rudy got his — or did he? — in that alley in "Rich Man, Poor Man." I was furious that I could have gone on watching forever. For instance, it was really charming to see Uri Avnery going up to congratulate the Prime Minister, and getting a couple of paternal pats on the shoulder. After he had been such a naughty boy all day, I thought, he was lucky to get that mark of affection, but papas are like that, very forgiving. I was dying to see whether this fatherly indulgence extended to that naughty girl as well...

But it was not to be: there was that all too familiar still photograph, and the strains of "Hatikva" ordered us off to bed.

IF MORE of the Knesset sessions are to be telecast, several changes must be made by the House Committee. The players should wear different coloured jerseys, with the names of their teams on them, and either their own names or numbers, enabling us to check from programme notes who is who, who is who, I confess, the faces of all too many of the backbenchers are unknown to me, and presumably to the broadcasting boys as well, as they only flashed the names of people like Ezer Weizman and Yigael Yadin, whom I also recognize with comparative ease.

Of course, if I had paid really adequate attention, I should have picked up the name mumbled by the speaker. But, you know how it is, I

TELEVIEW

Philip Gillon

had to go off to make the coffee and do other things.

Now, if all the players had jerseys showing their teams, they could even carry advertisements for Elite and Volvo, bringing in sufficient income to defray expenses, for lighting and staff to bring in glasses of water for the orators, and so on...

Another change the House Committee must introduce is in the seating arrangements. There is presumably some logic in the way the Members of Knesset are placed, but I could not follow it. They seem to be all mixed up, biggledy-piggledy, so that it is hard to tell if an interrupter is a fiendish Communist or a benign democrat. Even beads are no proof of party allegiance; Uri Avnery, for example, is not a member of Agudat Yisrael. Commentators must be able to identify at a glance who is trying to snatch the ball on a rebound, like Aulcie Perry.

The first day's play got off to a rather neat coup organized by the Prime Minister and the Speaker, Yitzhak Shamir, against Tawfik Twilik. At the earliest opportunity, the Premier said something to bait the unfortunate Twilik, like somebody from Jerusalem Betar knowing what to say to make Ali Otmán of Jerusalem Hapoel get so angry that he earns a yellow card. Twilik responded like a Pavlovian dog with a well-nourished conditioned reflex: Begin passed the ball to Shamir, Shamir back to Begin, Begin back to Shamir, a brilliant solo run, and Twilik was out.

of the game for the rest of the day. I don't know what the Knesset guards do to expelled Knesset members — no doubt the "Sunday Times" or the "Washington Post" will produce some atrocious stories — but Twilik behaved like a well brought-up little boy when he was allowed back in on the second day. For that matter, Geula was a perfect little lady all the time.

The bad boy of the first day was Meir Pa'il. Now I have an immense admiration for him as a man, I like his politics, even when I disagree with him, but I must say that I got sick and tired of the sight of his face and the sound of his voice. Why he was allowed to go on again is beyond my comprehension. Shall I play it very cleverly; no doubt antipating another Begin-Shamir coup on the second day, they sent in Uri Avnery to carry the ball of the barracking. Anyway, on the Tuesday night, after that inelegant surfeit of Pa'il, I thought I would relax with Shlomo Artzi singing winter songs. By the way, why winter songs? Aren't we in spring already? Or does Shlomo know something I don't know about the weatherman's plans for a freak April? Anyway, I was soothed by these songs, when suddenly there I saw one singer who looked exactly like a scaled down version of Meir.

I thought I was having hallucinations. Yet, an hour later, Meir Pe'er brought on Daan Almagor and Yoram Levi to talk about a new film they're making about the "Bifles." Guess who was the hero of a series of shots about the Sinai Campaign? You get the hunny for being right in one.

customary brand of sweet reason into the debate. Nobody can match Dayan's ability to appeal to the head rather than the heart, and he excelled himself yesterday morning. After everybody had made our blood run cold with their talk about all the sacrifices we are making, Dayan showed that these are not nearly as great as the breast-beaters had made out. The treaty, he pointed out, was not a short document of surrender dictated by Carter, but a complicated document with numerous military provisions and political provisions, plus elaborate safeguards, plus experimental periods during which we can see if normal relations with the Egyptians can be established. If not, we have the safeguards...

Dayan has emerged as the lonely hero of the last two years. Reviled as a traitor when he accepted the post of foreign minister under Begin, he had gone steadfastly on his course, without any following, and has emerged as the architect of peace. Perhaps the Yom Kippur War will now be forgiven him.

Yossi Sarid and Shulamit Aloni were very eloquent indeed about the beauties of peace, although Aloni allowed herself to be rather rattled by Begin not being around to receive her compliments. But she was good all the same. In fact, all the women I heard were in top form, irrespective of their political allegiances — Haika Grossman, Shoshana Arbeli-Almozilno, Tamar Eshel, Geula Cohen. Yes, I must admit, despite my prejudices, that Geula spoke very well. We need many more women in the Knesset. On "Behind the Headlines," Meir Pe'er played host to Netanel Lorch, the Secretary of the Knesset; Meir started off with what seemed to him searching questions, aimed at showing that it was a grave error to show the nation its legislators speechifying to an empty chamber, the suggestion being that we may demand our money back. Putting the House on TV, Meir suggested, also resulted in every MK wanting to speak, so the voters could see their faces. Why not, asked Lorch, why shouldn't they make their views known to their constituents? He was excellent and completely disarmed Meir.

My own first impression, like everybody else's, was that it was an absurd exercise in democracy to allow more than 100 parliamentarians to have their say. And yet, now that it is over, I think the idea had merit: the government can claim now that it has the entire country behind it, apart from the extreme left and right fringes. It was certainly better and more democratic, than having a referendum, the method the Labour Alignment promised to use about the fate of Judea and Samaria.

Second prize I give to Ezer Weizman, for a really remarkable address, combining the right amount of sentiment with a great deal of commonsense. After all the fears and doubts we had heard about the dangers and the complaints about the churlish Americans cutting us off with a mere three billions, he made us realize that it is a peace treaty we are signing, not a suicide pact. Close behind him came Moshe Dayan, who really infused his

'Standing wood'

TORA AND FLORA
Louis I. Rabinowitz

Portion of the Week: *Vayakhel-Pekudei, Exodus 35:1 to end, Special Portion, Ha-Hodesh, Exodus 12:1-20*

THE reading of the Book of Exodus is concluded tomorrow with the last two portions being combined in one. And the two portions conclude the account of the erection of the Sanctuary.

They are largely a repetition of the preceding portions, the latter representing the commandment and the former its complete implementation. The list of material used in its erection in Exodus 25:1-7 is repeated almost verbatim in 35:1-9.

Regular readers of this column will have seen that I have dealt with most of these materials from the world of flora, but not with the most extensively used, *shittim*, the acacia tree, which was the only material employed for the erection of the Sanctuary and the manufacture of its furnishings. Not only was acacia used, but acacia was the only timber.

The reason why, of course, is a purely utilitarian one. The other materials — gold, silver, copper, etc. — had been brought out from Egypt by the children of Israel, probably as spoils, but it could not be expected that they should have carried with them the planks 10 cubits long and one-and-a-half wide (26:15-16). And the acacia grows abundantly in the wilderness, though anyone who has seen its gnarled and twisted trunk will find it difficult to envisage planks of those proportions being provided by it, to say nothing of "the middle bar in the midst of the boards, which shall pass through from end to end" (26:28).

HERE AGAIN comes legend and *aggada* to provide a solution. The Bible states that the planks were to be of "standing shittim wood." There is no doubt that the literal meaning of this word "standing" is that the planks had to be set up vertically, and not in a horizontal position. The rabbis, however, give another interpretation. They maintain that the word "actually" means "already available." And from what source? R. Levi, in the Midrash (Genesis Rabba 94.4) says that when Jacob came down to Egypt, he planted acacia trees there, saying to his sons, "My children, the day will come when you be redeemed from Egypt, and the Holy One, blessed be He, is destined to order you to erect a Sanctuary, and this timber will be available for it." (See also



Acacia tree in Sinai (W. Brand)

Tanbura, Teruma, 9). And so these planks were "standing" when the Israelites left Egypt, and they brought them up with them. Fantastic imagination? Probably. But the Midrash brings persuasive written evidence that indeed it is so. In the portion of the week it is stated not only that "every man with whom there was found blue and purple and scarlet, etc." brought it, but also "and every man with whom there was found shittim wood brought it" (35:24). And the Midrash emphasizes: "It does not state 'every man who found,' but every man with whom was found." I.e. they had them ready. And the phrase "And Shittim Omdim" plays a prominent part in Kabbalistic lore.

Earthy types

HAIFA ART NOTES
Ephraim Harris

PINHAS MORENO does pastels and coloured etchings of faces and silhouettes at fair. His is a style influenced by Toulouse-Lautrec (although his figures are not so fleshy) and by Japanese prints seen through the eyes of French artists of the time; note the clear cut lines, the Japonaiserie, the wall decor of two cafes. His men and women are lower class, earthy, not gluttonous but seeking entertainment in eating, drinking and the pleasures of the fair. A girl in two shooting gallery scenes is absorbed in her thoughts, while at the roulette table the attendants cheat their customers. The settings (apart from some dull composition) are engaging to look at. ("Graphics 8" Gallery, Haifa).

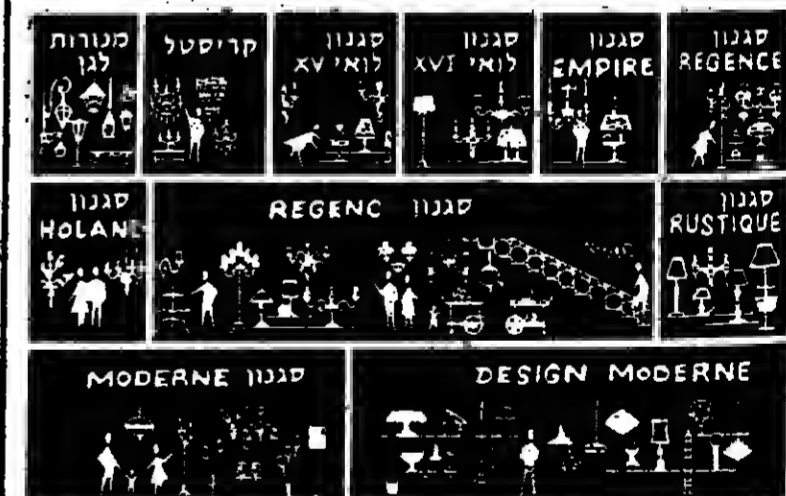
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KURT KALISH is an artist who improved greatly. These oil and acrylics reveal a propensity for the wall approaching abstract, simultaneously a flexible line, "Abandoned Quay", massed black forms in "Dream Village", a positional hit, and elsewhere, tracing asymmetrical forms in "Abandoned Quay", "Abandoned Quay", "Abandoned Quay".

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From left: Arieh Sharon, Zevulun Hammer, Yehiel Kadishai, Klaus Schutz, Raphael (Rafal) Eitan and Avraham Katz.

UPS AND DOWNS

seat to become Liberal Party chairman and Deputy Premier.

PUBLIC FACES

Mark Segal

LIKUD MEN continue to get top foreign service posts. Veteran Jerusalem Herut lawyer Ya'acov Neuhof was sent to Washington as No. 2. The bid to replace Avraham Kidron in London by Elyahu Ezer Weizman during last year's Cairo talks. The personable former newsmen was in business partnership with Weizman until the latter joined the Cabinet and sold his share in their Ellul company to David Rubin.

IN THE NEWS again is David Kolitz, whose smiling face appeared as spokesman of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman during last year's Cairo talks. The personable former newsmen was in business partnership with Weizman until the latter joined the Cabinet and sold his share in their Ellul company to David Rubin.

Dynamics. The conglomerate, which sells \$1b. worth of military supplies to Israel, including F-16s, must under the contract spend 20 per cent of that money on Israeli products. It is Kolitz's new job to oversee their business here. Before accepting, Kolitz apparently phoned Weizman to ask him whether this contract might be a source of embarrassment for the minister, whose answer was, "You cannot be punished for our friendship."

CHIEF OF STAFF Rev. Aluf Raphael (Rafal) Eitan is living up to his reputation as a puritan with his decision to abolish the army Theatre Company and the army entertainment troupe.

He disagrees with his predecessors' view that our army is more than just a fighting machine. Instead, Eitan wants a big army choir of 60 voices, and he has caused merriment by his detailed orders of which songs they can include in their repertoire. His new baby has already earned the nickname of "The Red Army Choir."

THOSE in musical circles are asking why the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra allowed the Israel Chamber Ensemble to appear at the Mann Auditorium. (The IPO has a contractual veto power over other ensembles using the hall.)

The answer is that the soloist was Isaac Stern, who is not only a great violinist but president of the Israel America Cultural Foundation, which finances much of the IPO activity.

CONDUCTOR-composer Neam Shari' had harsh things to say about the oligarchic management of government money for the arts, especially music, at a recent meeting with Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres.

He blamed Labour for having installed Leah Porat as commissioner of the arts 12 years ago, and of protecting her from criticism even today, under a Likud government.

This was not the kind of comment Peres had expected at the first in a series of meetings with artists, writers and intellectuals organized by novelist Amos Oz at the Yehuda Club in Tel Aviv.

THE CARTER visit brought Herut

dissenter Geula Cohen into world prominence, with an English commentator calling her "Israel's reply to Anna Magnani."

In a recent interview in the glossy magazine "Monist", Geula Cohen was asked whether she channelled all her passion into politics. Geula's frank reply: "Can you imagine that a person can be passionate in politics without being the same in her personal life? I do have a balanced life and an even fuller sex life than those glamour girls you meet in Dizengoff. Yes, I am a woman of a thousand loves..."

The fancy journal has an interesting combination of conservative capital and left-leaning editorial material, put together by enterprising restaurateur Rafi Shauli.

The word is now out that Shauli has joined forces with Menahem Inbar, general manager of "The Jerusalem Post", to launch a new project, a high-class tourist development based on the Semador villa area.

YOUNG SOLDIERS hitchhiking with Shauli's "Monist", engineer son of the late Haim Arlosoroff, were excited to hear that the men who gave them a lift were the father of Israel's young tennis champion Haim Arlosoroff. They were also puzzled. Certainly, they noted, your son has done wonders by winning the tennis doubles championship with Shlomo Glickstein. But they asked: "Don't you think he's a bit young to have as many streets named after him?"

It is now being said that Premier Begin no longer regards the Labour Minister Ariel Sharon as his favourite general, since their sharp exchange at the last Cabinet meeting.

Yehiel Kadishai; the smiling leech is West German Ambassador Klaus Schutz.

The bet was laid during a dinner party given by ex-Honorary Consul of Austria Lajos Gotszmann, when Lec related how he won a bottle of Red Label whisky from British Ambassador John Mason in a wager over the negotiations meeting the mid-December Camp David deadline.

But Lec was ready to bet on peace by mid-April, with his pessimistic West German colleague taking up the challenge. Here the Prime Minister's jovial aide joined in, edging the deadline to March 13 — and raising his bet to Black Label Scotch.

The West German envoy is paying off by inviting all involved, including witnesses, to a dinner party.

The festivity is being delayed until the end of April to allow the Lees' to get back from their safari vacation in Kenya.

LIKUD SOURCES confirm that discussions have been under way over early elections. Those in favour, like Herut Knesset faction chairman Haim Kaufman, believe they will profit from the post-treaty popularity and do some house-cleaning as well, while Liberal sceptics, like Likud Knesset faction head Avraham Sbarin, warn of inflation's damaging influence on the electorate. Shari' parts company on this issue with his ally, Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, whose detractors charge that he wants to use early polls to slip out of the Treasury hot

Potential scapegoat

By DAVID RICHARDSON/Jerusalem Post Reporter

LAWYERS are the scapegoats of international negotiations. If the negotiations are successful, then the lawyers are successful. If the negotiations are unsuccessful, then the lawyers are blamed.

rector, who have already lost 25 per cent of the senior teaching staff in the faculty to government service over the past year.

The other expert on international law, Prof. Yehuda Blum, is already serving as Israel's ambassador to the UN. The loss of Lapidoth would seriously deplete that section of the faculty.

BORN Ruth Eschelbacher in Germany in 1930, she immigrated to Palestine in 1938 with her parents and elster. The family settled in Ramat Gan, where the young girl soon skipped two classes and became a promising pianist. But her desire to continue studying music clashed with her mother's demand that she study a "profession." The compromise reached was first music in Paris and then a career. If this is indicative of a strong will, it lurks beneath the surface of an extremely gentle and polite nature.

Music in Paris was cut short by the War of Independence in 1948. She returned to serve in the medical corps. Law studies at the Hebrew University followed and she graduated with an LL.M. with honours.

Post graduate studies in international law at the University of Paris resulted in a doctorate, also with an outstanding grade. Since then she has taught and has been a research scholar at various academic institutions such as the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars in Washington D.C. and the Faculté de Droit in Geneva.

Lapidoth also gained practical experience as a member of the Israeli delegation to the UN General Assembly in 1976 and on the delegation to the Humanitarian Law Conference in Geneva in 1977.

Her husband is also a prominent academic lawyer and is Professor of Taxation and Commercial Law at Bar-Ilan University. They have three children. She has no party affiliation.



Ruth Lapidoth

DID "LEGALITIES" hamper the conclusion of an Israel-Egyptian peace treaty? How does she see the role of a lawyer in this process?

She is clear and emphatic on this point. The role of the lawyer is to aid the politician, not to produce policy; not to influence but rather to give the political agreement the suitable legal format.

"The lawyer should be capable of foreseeing the various possibilities and be able to provide suitable solutions for these, but should not be expected to go beyond that. If there is an agreement between the politicians, there would be no difficulty for the lawyers to formulate a treaty; the problems arise when, in the absence of agreement, the lawyer is expected to bridge the gap — usually with vague and ambivalent formulae."

And what is the value of the end product — what is the value of a treaty?

"The impression that treaties are not adhered to is mistaken. The percentage of treaties broken is very small when compared to those that are not," she emphasizes. "The very duration of the negotiations and the importance the parties have attached to each clause is indicative of the seriousness with which they themselves regard their obligations under each agreement."

THE CONCERNED scientific community must work first to prevent more nuclear bombs being built and then for the reduction of the number of existing bombs. "It will make a great difference to the survival of mankind whether the super-powers have a stock of 10,000 nuclear bombs as they have now, or only 1,000, which we should strive for as a realistic target," says Professor Bernard Feld of MIT.

The professor, who was one of the early participants in the Manhattan Project that developed the American atom bomb in the 1940s, is in Israel for the Einstein Centennial Symposium.

"There is no limit to nuclear war, once it is started. The line must be either yes or no," he warned. No practical mechanism exists to limit nuclear war, once it erupts, and it will be a matter of luck if the leaders of the super-powers are able to stop it if it does start.

"No surprise attack is possible any more either, because even if all the nuclear missiles of one power were destroyed by a first strike, there would still be the submarine, with as many as 1,000 nuclear warheads, to continue the destruction. There is no longer a sane scenario for nuclear war."

Prof. Feld, a theoretical physicist, is editor-in-chief of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, a journal devoted to the prevention of nuclear war, which was supported by Einstein. Its cover design is a clock with its hands ominously pointing to 10 minutes to 12.

He believes that if nuclear war were to break out with the stock of weapons in its present state, the whole of the northern hemisphere

Physicist Bernard Feld talks with the POST's Ya'acov Friedler

Disaster on stock

would be totally wiped out within a matter of days, or at most weeks. He estimates that in the southern hemisphere, the fall-out would strike every man, woman and child with 50 to 100 radiation units, within weeks of the nuclear holocaust.

"Five hundred R.U.s would cause the death of 50 per cent of the population. 100 R.U.e would make everybody sick, but would survive, at the cost of harmful genetic effects. We cannot foretell what the long-term effect on the pool of human genes would be. Certainly thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of babies would be born deformed. No one knows whether the genetic structure of the human race would survive."

PROF. FELD thinks that the reduction of nuclear-bomb stocks from 10,000 to 1,000 can be achieved, for it would leave the super-powers with sufficient weapons to fight a war, and thus to retain the balance of terror. And "it would provide the only assurance that at least a part of the human race would survive to start

civilization all over again. It is therefore vital, he feels, that the scientific community work for the conclusion and ratification of the Salt II agreement, as a first step towards the survival of mankind.

He dismissed the argument over the neutron bomb as quite irrelevant in the context of the menace of nuclear war. He considers the neutron bomb merely a "cleaner" hydrogen bomb, with less fall-out, whose existence in an arsenal would be impossible to control. "The arguments over the neutron bomb only blur the line," he said.

THE PAPER the 58-year-old professor read at the Centennial Symposium was entitled, "Einstein and the Politics of Nuclear Weapons Today."

He met Einstein in the early '40s, when he — Feld — was working as a young assistant to Leo Szilard, the Hungarian Jewish scientist, on the atom bomb project. Szilard had persuaded Einstein to write the famous letter to President Roosevelt,

describing the possibility of building an atom bomb and warning that the Germans were in the race.

He feels that a "lot of mythology" surrounds Einstein's position on nuclear weapons, "and I try to put it into reasonable perspective."

Feld completely disagrees with the opinion that Einstein was politically naive, joining every cause urged on him.

"He was very pragmatic in political action and a confirmed pessimist," Einstein had never urged the use of nuclear weapons. "His only concern was that the Americans should make the bomb before the Germans, never that they should use it."

After the war, Einstein was active in some of the activities that were formed to prevent the use and spread of nuclear weapons, and his last public act had been to help Bertrand Russell with the manifesto calling on the scientists of the West and East to get together to work for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

"He signed the manifesto one week before he died," Prof. Feld recalled. Though Einstein worked hard for world peace and some sort of world government, possibly through a stronger UN, "he had no illusion that they could be achieved overnight by some magic formula. He did realize — and fear — that as long as nations are able to arbitrarily choose their own devices for maximizing their security, this will lead to trouble."

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THE TWO-IN-ONE JUMBO CROSSWORD

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S JUMBO PUZZLE ON SUNDAY

Cryptic puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Cryptic clues include: 'Refer to the individual at 10', 'A star of the sea', 'A man of letters', etc. Solutions are provided for each clue.

WHEN FATAH came into being in 1964 its raison d'être was said to be that of the Liberation Organisation for the Arab State...

Fatah to infiltrate into Jordan and operate from there against Israel, thus embarrassing Jordan which tried to keep her border with Israel quiet.

The cost of rejection

By aligning itself with the opponents of the Israel-Egypt peace treaty, the PLO may be throwing away a rare chance to achieve a state in the West Bank and Gaza, writes MATITYAHU PELED.

The famous Egyptian writer, Abd al-Rahman al-Sharqawi, in a play called "Acra, My Home Town," published in 1966, depicted the bewilderment and lack of direction that characterized the political thinking of the PLO and their modus operandi.

Fatah came into being, its leaders (who by now were the leaders of the PLO) could review with satisfaction the consequences of their decision to set out on the long and arduous road of independent Palestinian action.

It is that although some Arab states may disagree with him initially, they are bound to follow him before long. And this is exactly what happened at the supposedly anti-Sadat Baghdad conference in November, 1978.

uneasy with a diplomacy such as Sadat's, which aims at leaving the Soviets out of the process for the time being. Their objection goes back to the old inter-Arab dispute over the role of the Arab countries in global politics.

U.S. for the end of the five-year transition period stipulated in the agreement. This is not the goal that Begin means to endorse, and it is clear that practically any Israeli government will fight it as long as possible.

IN THE YEARS before 1977 the fear was often expressed that a Herut movement would never succeed in governing Israel because the Histadrut would paralyze the country with strikes.

At the time when it became clear to the Palestinians that only real and independent action from them would force the Arab leadership to become more serious about furthering the cause of the Palestinian people.

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Advertisement for 'Transcendental Meditation Programme' and 'UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY Provo, Utah, USA'.

Advertisement for 'BEZALEL ACADEMY OF ARTS AND DESIGN JERUSALEM' and a 'PUBLIC LECTURE' by Dr. Morris B. Abram.

Vertical text in the right margin, including 'Exchange March' and various small notices.

Slight upturn after a week full of losses

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

with prices fluctuating in a narrow range. Rapac I.L. gained 10 to 375. Land development and real estate shares saw their prices rise as a result of moderate demand. Solel Boneh continued to rise, gaining 25 to 963. Rascoco preferred shot up by 10 to 245.5. Its ordinary shares gained five.

Teva(b) which was "buyers only" fixed higher by 5 per cent to 1017. The registered shares gained seven. American Israeli Paper Mills continued to reflect demand. The shares were about 6 per cent higher at 726. The company's "A" options did even better, rising by 17 points to 273. Petrochemicals gained four to 122. Shamen continued to be in demand, also "buyers only" at 493. Taal was ahead by 11 to 338.

CiaI Israel was the big winner in the investment share sector. It rose by 6.5 per cent to 483. The company will be reporting its 1978 results this Tuesday, and the investment community is expecting good news. CiaI Industries was 10 better at 360, while CiaI Raal Estate was six higher at 296. The investment companies of the big three banks showed mixed results. Discount was unchanged, Hapoalim gained four points and Leumi sassed by one.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change, and various stock symbols like Dev. & Mtg. 1978 deb. 87, Housing Mtg. r, etc.

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Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Bond description, Price, Change, and various bond symbols like 4% Gov't development, Group 1. Yield: -2.13, etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing prices - March 22, Dow Jones Industrial Average: 861.31+3.55, Volume: 34,750,000, and various stock symbols like Allied Chemical, ABA, etc.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates—March 22. Table with columns: Rate, and various currency symbols like \$, £, etc.

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Founded in 1932 by the late GERSHON AGRON, who was Editor until 1955...

And now — to build trust

MUTUAL TRUST has been, and is likely to remain, the central, least tractable problem in establishing and maintaining normal, peaceful relations between Israel and Egypt — let alone in their development into a pattern of friendship and good-neighbourliness.

President Sadat's leap over the wall of enmity that was his voyage to Jerusalem at the end of 1977 did not, contrary to his expressed hope, cause the "psychological barrier" to collapse overnight.

But events in the ensuing months resulted in fresh bricks being piled upon the old, seemingly disappearing wall.

In no small measure this was due to Mr. Sadat's own failure to appreciate the full impact that 30 years of Arab aggression have had on the Israeli mind.

Repeated bellicose statements, however vaguely phrased, of Egypt's abiding loyalty to the Arab cause, though perhaps necessary to ward off Rejectionist attacks, were not calculated to remove Israeli doubts and to create a climate of receptiveness to the making of peace through concessions.

Nor did they do much to allay fears of a possible turnabout in Egyptian policy, after an Israeli withdrawal, resulting either from a change of mind on the part of President Sadat, or from his own removal from power.

In part, it is true, the mood of mistrust that still prevails among wide sections of the Israeli public has also arisen from the often bellicose posture taken by Israeli leaders.

Bouts of verbal offence, purporting to merely counter Egyptian intransigence, have tended to leave a bigger mark on the public than later muted retractions.

It was a relief therefore to have Mr. Begin, abetted by Mr. Dayan and Mr. Weizman, strike an affirmative note of reconciliation in their speeches to the Knesset, during the closing moments of the debate on the peace treaty early yesterday morning.

Mr. Dayan made the point that throughout the negotiations the Egyptians, contrary to widespread impression, never sought to escape the obligations of a full normalization of relations with Israel.

In any case, even if Egypt were to break its word, the Defence Minister observed, there would still be a stretch of 150 kms. of demilitarized territory separating the two armies — and soldiers of Israel would at least be secure in the knowledge that their country had done its utmost for peace.

Israel, needless to say, will be keeping its powder dry in the years to come — and not only because Egypt is not its only Arab neighbour.

But, while keeping hawk-like watch over the southern neighbour's strict implementation of the treaty, in the spirit of reciprocity, Israel will have reason to proceed on the working assumption that Egypt not only needs peace, but wants peace.

THE MEANINGS OF MEANING

WALTER EYTAN examines the different meanings which Israel and Egypt apply to the concept of autonomy in the peace treaty which the two countries will sign on Monday.

SOME TIME in the thirties, well before World War II, two Cambridge critics wrote a book entitled 'The Meaning of Meaning'.

Meaning can obviously have several meanings — which reminds one of what wives and husbands sometimes say to each other to clarify domestic misunderstandings: "I know you believe you understand what you think I said, but I am not sure you realise that what you heard is not what I meant."

What Prime Minister Menachem Begin means by "autonomy" is perfectly clear. And President Anwar Sadat, of course, knows what it is. To make assurance doubly sure, Begin spelled it out again in the Knesset on March 20: "No Palestinian state ever."

As one of the other ministers put it in the Knesset debate, autonomy is "the main underpinning" of the treaty — and it means something different, indeed wholly contradictory, to each of the two chief signatories.

THE MEANING of this difference of meaning will probably emerge fairly soon when the discussions get under way between Israel and Egypt on the modalities of autonomy.

WHATEVER comes of this, the autonomous inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza will almost certainly have to legislate for themselves, or they could hardly be said to be governing themselves ("self-government").

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provide full autonomy to the inhabitants" (of the West Bank and of Gaza). One might ask what differences of meaning exist between the "autonomy" everyone spoke about in the Knesset and the "full autonomy" specified in the agreements.

It must be supposed that the word "full" has some meaning, or it would serve no purpose, either for Israel or for Egypt.

Where Camp David and the peace treaty are so sparing in their use of this hapax legomenon, they both speak freely of "self-government" and "the self-governing authority."

What laws is it to administer, or is the term intended to mean a legislative council? This, apparently, will be something for Israel and Egypt to decide between themselves in the coming 18 months unless, per miracle, Jordan and a few daring Palestinian Arab notables decide to join in the negotiations.

THE last time a legislative council was proposed for Palestine — in 1935 — the Arabs fought very shy of it, though it would have guaranteed them a permanent elected majority.

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cannot escape the impression that the word "comprehensive" (which does not in any case mean "all-inclusive") is really intended to stand only as an antonym of "separate", as a face-saver for Egypt which, fearful of pan-Arab reactions, insisted on making it clear — as clear as the word "comprehensive" can — that it is not, in fact, signing a separate peace with Israel.

YET THIS is precisely what Egypt is doing. And quite rightly so. Indeed, the only way of arriving at what the "comprehensive" peace is by starting at the beginning: signing one treaty first, in the hope and expectation that others will follow.

THIS should have been made clear at the start when Sadat was in Jerusalem in November 1977.

It would have been explained to him, immediately after his speech in the Knesset, that by concluding a separate treaty with Israel he would be taking the only possible course towards a settlement between Israel and the three other countries.

In fact, if he wanted peace between Israel, himself and them all, it was essential that there should be first a treaty between Israel and Egypt.

Later on, under the heading of "Associated Principles," Israel and Egypt define principles and provisions which "should apply to peace treaties between Israel and each of its neighbours — Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon." So here it is spelled out.

Israel and Egypt have, in fact, agreed on rules and regulations ("principles and provisions") for Israel's three other immediate neighbours. That these neighbours were not asked, and that they show, to put it mildly, little inclination to follow all this good advice, does not detract from Israel and Egypt's excellent intentions.

But though Israel would undoubtedly welcome peace treaties with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, one

cluded that the UN Security Council met, on August 11, to ratify them all together. If thereby effectively transforming four separate agreements into an armistice system — into what in today's use, or misuse, of the term would be called a "comprehensive" armistice.

IT WAS clear then that if all parties had negotiated with Israel "simultaneously," as Camp David would have had it, there would not or certainly not for a very long time — have been any armistice agreements at all.

That this vital precedent should have been forgotten, affecting though it does Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon alike, is all the more remarkable in that the sixth and last of the Camp David "principles and provisions" lays down so many words that "The United Nations Security Council shall be requested to endorse the peace treaty."

This would be an action exactly parallel to that taken by the council in August 1946, immediately after the signing of the fourth armistice agreement. And it should have been the way to ensure the comprehensive peace delicately referred to at Camp David and in the peace treaty now Egypt need have made no bones about it.

Even if this word had been used freely in the texts, it still would have brought the others any new negotiations with Israel, for a lack of clarity on the issue from the outset and the failure to rely on established precedent.

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Bartering with terrorists

Why did Israel agree to exchange 76 convicted terrorists for one soldier captured during the Litani Operation? Post Military Correspondent HIRSH GOODMAN attempts to find a satisfactory answer to this question.

EVEN EZER WEIZMAN'S closest aides cannot explain why the defence minister, in consultation with Premier Begin, decided to release 76 terrorists in exchange for Avraham Amram, the Litani Operation's "anti-hero," as one newsmen called him. What is worse, Weizman's aides seem to disagree profoundly with the move.

For years now, it has been Israel's settled policy to refuse — except where no other alternative at all was available — to exchange terrorists for hostages. The country's leadership explained, and there was never any argument with their view, that to do so would only encourage more acts of terror.

Why, then, this sudden munificent act of releasing — in exchange for one Israeli soldier — 76 terrorists, of whom 30 were serving life sentences? And why was the decision not taken by the entire Cabinet? Moreover, why did Israel agree to release, among others, terrorists who have constantly appeared on PLO wanted lists, such as the East Jerusalem engineer serving 130 years for assorted acts of terror?

As one of my colleagues pointed out, if the Israel government wanted to make a gesture of goodwill, it could have reduced his sentence to 50 years.

What are the parents of those children killed at Ma'alot supposed to think? And the relatives of those killed at Kiryat Shmona, Beit She'an and half-a-dozen other spots around

the country this past decade? How can one explain why last year, or three years ago, Israel found a list of 16 terrorists in exchange for the lives of hostages too much, while last week the freeing of 76 terrorists for one Israeli soldier was considered acceptable.

WHAT HAS happened to Israel's ironclad policy, which hardly anyone disagreed with: no trade-offs with terrorists, even at the cost of civilian life? (The Rosenwasser case in 1971, while disavowed by declared policy, involved a very different set of circumstances to the exchange in question here. The 55-year-old Metall watchman was swapped for one terrorist — Muhammed Hejaz — not 76. Rosenwasser could have been returned home well before the 14 months he spent in captivity had Israel agreed to release the 36 terrorlets originally demanded. Israel refused to give in and the terrorists' demand dropped from 36 to 20 to 10 to one.

There is another aspect of this imponderable affair that deserves closer examination: Amram was a soldier. Israeli soldiers and agents in the service of the state have sat in enemy prisons for years on end. In the early Seventies, three Israeli pilots suffered unspeakable torture in Syria — this despite the persistent rumour that if Israel had agreed to certain exchange conditions, they could have been returned years earlier. There have also been cases of Mossad agents languishing in hostile prisons with exchange offers refused.

So why give in now? What is different about this case? The affair has been lost in the peace process. Some say that it was integral to that process, and that the exchange was carried out as a gesture of goodwill. But goodwill to whom? Sadat? What connection does he have with arch-rejectionist Ahmed Jabril, Amram's captor. To Assad? Did we honestly expect this to bring him to the negotiating table, or to make him less vociferous in his criticism of Sadat's initiative.

Unconfirmed reports in the press state that Israel will be releasing dozens of security prisoners as a gesture to Sadat, thus ostensibly giving credence to this theory. But it hardly answers the many questions provoked by the Amram exchange. If those released were West Bank political activists, who were to

return to their homes in Nablius and Hebron to help autonomy on its feet, well maybe. But not 76 terrorists, 66 of whom are now comfortably at home in countries that are implacably opposed to Israel, and some of whom are no doubt reinstated as members of organizations currently plotting the death of Israeli civilians as well as Sadat's assassination.

IT SEEMS THAT the hints about there being a connection between the peace process and the exchange are intended only to obscure the truth. It was also whispered at one point that "the powers that be" — in other words, the intelligence services — recommended the exchange for reasons which will forever remain secret. Again, maybe so, but then the public should have been offered a rational explanation for this dramatic turnabout in policy.

Attempts by official spokesmen to compare last week's exchange with that of Rosenwasser in 1971, or the exchange in 1969 — when two Israeli civilians hijacked by terrorists while flying aboard an American airliner were returned for 13 Syrians (seven military men and six civilians) — are weak indeed. The Syrians are not the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Syrian soldiers and civilians are not convicted terrorists. And 76 is neither one nor 13. Also, though irrelevant in human terms, neither Rosenwasser, Samueloff nor Muallim (the two Israeli civilians exchanged in 1969) are Amram, the soldier.

I was amazed at the number of people in the Defence Ministry and in other government agencies who said that they were unhappy about the Amram exchange. The only attempt to justify it came from a young officer who pointed out that this exchange, as opposed to Ma'alot and the like, was different in that no hostages were involved and there was no element of blackmail. I concede that he has a point, but it's hardly convincing. It may help to explain the principle of this case, but the facts and the numbers involved are still disturbing.

No matter how one looks at the Amram exchange, there is nothing positive about it, apart from the unarguable pleasure of having him back home again. But at what cost? What precedent has been established, now that the Pandora's Box of trade-offs with the most vile of all the terrorist movements has been opened with a 76:1 ratio?

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